

THE AUGUSTA/RICHMOND COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, June 28, 2006
3:30 P.M.

Present: Mr. Robert Smalley, Mr. Terence Dicks, Mr. Randy Peters, Mr. Mike Askew, Ms. Stella Nunnally, Dr. Thomas Clark.

Absent: Mr. Dave Barbee, Mr. Dave Mack, Mr. Walter Thomas.

Chairman Dicks called the meeting to order.

Prayer – Dr. Thomas Clark.

There were no minutes for the Month of May because of the lack of a quorum.

The chairman asked that the second item on the agenda be deleted because students from Augusta State University had a scheduling problem. He said that they would reschedule at a later date. It was noted that the school is no longer Augusta College but Augusta State University.

The Case Activity Reports included March and April but only the report for May was discussed. Mr. Smalley explained that case closures were down, cases pending were higher and funds were down compared to last year. He reminded that the agency had been one investigator short. He pointed out also that revenue for ADEA and Title VII cases was now \$540.00 per case instead of \$500.00.

It was motioned and seconded to accept the Report as information. The motion carried.

Old Business:

Chairman Dicks reminded board members that the Presentation Booklet from media students at Augusta State University was in the office and could be looked at by commissioners. He informed them that if copies were needed, to see him. He also stated that he would be calling on Mr. Smalley along with Ms. Nunnally and other board members to sit down and discuss the project with the students from Augusta State University.

Mr. Frank Thomas showed commissioners a plaque that was presented to the agency by the USEEOC at the annual conference on May 23, 2006. This plaque was presented to the Human Relations Commission for its efforts in advancing human and race relations in the Central Savannah River area. The chairman congratulated Mr. Thomas and the staff for their hard work, and also commissioners for their support of the staff.

Chairman Dicks made reference to the original James Brown Day which was held twenty years ago on June 28th. He stated that he was a part of the crew that spearheaded the effort to recognize this national treasure, as a part of the 250th anniversary of the City of Augusta.

Mr. Smalley said that he was concerned about board replacements. He asked for permission to approach Commissioner Grantham to ask him to consider appointing Mr. Mike Askew to replace Mr. David Barbee. He said that he would speak to Mr. Barbee before talking to Commissioner Grantham.

Chairman Dicks said that he has spoken to Commissioner Brown and Representative Quincy Murphy about making appointments to the Human Relations Board. He said that Representative Murphy assured him that he had someone in mind. He also stated that he had not been able to reach Commissioner Andy Cheek.

and that Commissioner Williams is waiting on a recommendation from Rev. Fryer.
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Mr. Frank Thomas asked that each commissioner try to impress on their commissioner the importance of a diverse board that represented a diverse City of Augusta. He said that this is especially important during hearings held by the Commission.

Mr. Frank Thomas informed members of the passing of Mr. Bill Hale. Mr. Hale had given training for both the staff and board members.

New Business:

Election:

Mr. Terence Dicks was re-elected to serve as Chairman.

Mr. Robert Smalley was re-elected to serve as Vice Chairman.

Board members were asked to consider electing other officers.

Mr. Smalley was asked to serve as Chairman for the Budget Committee.

The meeting adjourned.

The minutes were taken by E. Louise Durette.

The next meeting will be on July 26, 2006 at the Municipal Building in the Committee Room.